



AMERICAN LEGION POST 305 BUGLE



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our August 2005 Post meeting went well. After opening ceremonies, we invited the Auxiliary to join us and we held a Joint Awards Presentation to the students who attended the Boys' State and Girls' State programs this past summer. Each student gave a report on his/her experiences at the program. Parents of the students gave a short talk about the student and the program, as well.

The Auxiliary President also introduced the student who had received their Scholarship Award and presented it to her.

We had, as honored guests, two recently commissioned Second Lieutenants. One was in the Army and had graduated from West Point, and one was in the Marines and had graduated from the Naval Academy. After the introduction and some comments from these young officers, we adjourned to our respective meetings and addressed the business at hand.

The Post members approved a donation to "burn-out" victims, Bill and Nancy Howell, Past District 7 officer and the Auxiliary and the Post members also passed the hat. The total funds collected exceeded \$350.00.

Prior to closing the meeting, Montgomery County election official, Jennifer Robinson, gave

a presentation and demonstration of the new computerized voting machine.

*** THE U.S. AIR FORCE WAS ESTABLISHED ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1947.

REMEMBER YOUR TROOPS AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

REMEMBER POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY!

Respectfully submitted,

Dutch Dettinger, Commander

MEETING EVENTS

The Finance Officer reported the starting balance in the Post's checking account was \$5201.51 and the ending balance was \$4297.43 with \$230.01 outstanding checks. The balance in the Allocated Funds account was \$17247.81

Rudy Charest reported collecting 92.7% of the \$2511.32 pledged for the Birdies For Charity. He expects to have a check for our part written and deposited in the Post's account by the end of August.

The Commander appointed Jim Bolin as chair of the Audit Committee. Any volunteers to help Jim would be cheerfully accepted.

Emery Heuermann reported that the Post held burial services for Carroll Freeman on Tuesday, August 16, 2005.

A friend of Warren Gartman, Tom Roy, will be our guest speaker at the September membership meeting. Tom was a pilot in WWII.

1st Vice Commander

Our membership goal for 2006 is 307 members. So far we have 57 renewal applications. According to the plan (put out by Department) we should be at 55% by the end of August. That is 169. So, we are already behind. We need everyone's support to get back on track. Send in your renewal applications now. Don't wait and forget what you did with it when you received it in July.

For God & Country,

Jim Bolin, 1st Vice

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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2nd Vice Commander

Fellow Legionnaires, We are about to hold our twice a year Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sales are our largest revenue fundraiser for the Post. Dayton Denton has generously donated a storage building to store our donated items until Oct. 22, the date of our sale. I am asking all Legionnaires to talk to their friends and neighbors about donations for our sale. If you have donations, you can transfer them to our storage building, or accumulate them and bring them on the day before the sale--Friday October 21.

Let's make this our best Rummage Sale ever. If you need any information in connection with the sale, or can help transfer donations, please call me at 936-273-2688, or e-mail me at charles-suhr@msn.com.

Also, Pat Turner, via The Christian Academy, has donated a very nice floor model office copier for our sale. If you know anybody who has a business that needs a copier of this quality, let me know. Charles Suhr, 2nd Vice Commander

Service Officer

My goal is to get all members signed up with the VA for any benefits they might be eligible for now as well as in the future. We should all have our VA CARD. At our January 19th meeting we will have Ms. Kay Lee, Montgomery County Veterans Service Officer, as a guest speaker to go over the VA Benefits available to us and our SPOUSES and to conduct a workshop to teach us how to fill out the paperwork involved in getting these benefits and our VA CARD. This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies Aux. This is a very important meeting and program. I urge all of you to attend. Lets all be prepared by at least applying for and having our VA CARD. Dayton W. Denton,

Chaplain

The Woodlands Christian Academy recognized Jerry Bradshaw, Sgt.-at-Arms of Post 305 for his years of teaching and coaching at Kline Collins High School, Kline Oak High School, Spring High School and Aldine MacArthur High School,

Jerry has accepted a teaching and coaching (Varsity Football Coach) position at The Woodlands Christian Academy.

Jerry proudly served his country in the US Air Force from 1970-1974. Jerry's father was also in the Air Force and stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th 1941.

Jerry played football in high school for the Port Neches-Groves Indians. In the military he played for the Misawa Jets and was voted best all around football and baseball player in 1973. In 1992 Jerry received the Best Article Award from Texas Coach Magazine. He says what he enjoys most about coaching is "the pride and professionalism of being totally committed to being a coach as an educator, leader of young men, and developer of their work habits. I enjoy the exhilaration of competition and the value of teamwork. I take pride in being called coach and all that it stands for...I still enjoy the sweat and hard work to accomplish a goal."

We wish him good fortune in his new position.

Pat Turner, Chaplain

POST 305 ACTIVITIES

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	REMARKS
Monday	Sep. 12 2005	Ex Meeting 7 pm	Executive Comm.	Legion Office
Thursday	Sep. 15 2005	Meeting 7 pm	All Available Members	Rayford Road Comm. Ctn.
Thur-Sun	Sep. 22-25	Dept. Ex. Comm.	Interested Members	Austin, TX
Monday	Oct. 17 2005	Ex Meeting 7 pm	Executive Comm.	Legion Office
Saturday	Oct. 15 2005	District Convention	Interested Members	Willis, TX
Thursday	Oct. 20 2005	Post Picnic	All Available Members	Shadowbend Park Pavilion
Friday	Oct. 21 2005	Rummage Sale Prep	All Available Members	Robinson Road Comm. Ctn.
Saturday	Oct. 22 2005	Rummage Sale	All Available Members	Robinson Road Comm. Ctn.